

# Configuring Workstations for use with the PARSIIe / PARSII System

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## 1 PROCEDURES

### 1.2 Introduction

Most users will be comfortable with contacting their IT Helpdesk for completing the instructions below. However, if you have Admin rights on your workstation, and are comfortable with making configuration changes to it, you may follow these directions yourself.

### 1.3 Installation of ActiveX Control

#### **WINDOWS XP / WINDOWS7 (32-bit and 64-bit)**

1. Log onto the workstation to be configured using an ID/Password that can perform administrative functions on that workstation (e.g. Install software, add Active-X controls). Note that administrative access is only required for initial workstation configuration, not ongoing operation of the PARS II application. Depending on local security group policies, it may be required that the OS account of the end user who will run PARS2 reports will need to have its privileges temporarily elevated to administrator for the ActiveX installation. This varies from site to site; please check with your site IT support personnel for more information.
2. Check hardware, software and network requirements as identified in section 2 below. Less than minimum requirements are unsupported and can result in unpredictable results.
3. Windows7 64-bit users *must* use the 32-bit version of Internet Explorer 9, Internet Explorer 10 or Internet Explorer 11. (this is the shortcut *not* labeled 64-bit).
4. Internet explorer *must* be started by right-clicking on the Internet Explorer icon and choosing "Run as Administrator"
5. Click "Yes" when prompted by a window that starts "Do you want to allow the following Program to make changes to this computer?"
6. If using Internet Explorer 10 or Internet Explorer 11, click "Tools" from the menu bar and then select "Compatibility View Settings".
  - a. Add "doe.gov" to Compatibility View and click "Close"
7. Using Microsoft Internet Explorer 9, Internet Explorer 10 or Internet Explorer 11, paste this link:  
<https://pars2.doe.gov/PARS2/SSSTemp/wfSSSxIsView.aspx?RPTID=1000000>
8. A yellow bar at the top of the browser will display this message - "To help protect your security, Internet Explorer has restricted this site from showing certain content. Click here for options"
9. A box in the browser window will display - "Click here to install the following ActiveX control: 'Dekker, Ltd.' From 'Dekker, Ltd.'..."
10. Right-click on the second message and select "Install This Add-on for All Users on This Computer..."
11. A box pops up with a message that begins "Do you want to install this software?" Click on "Install"
12. You should see Microsoft Office Excel open a new spreadsheet confirming that you have successfully installed the Dekker, Ltd. ActiveX Control.

### 1.4 Set MS Office Macro Security to Allow Digitally Signed Content from Application Vendor

*As of July 15, 2013, all reports within SSS Reports require the US Department of Energy by Entrust Code Signing Certification Authority – L1D digital certificate.*

#### **Microsoft Office Excel 2010 (32-bit)**

1. Start Microsoft Office Excel 2010.
2. Click on the "File" tab on the upper left.
3. Click on the "Options" menu on the lower left.

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4. On the left Navigation Bar, click on "Trust Center".
5. On the right, click on "Trust Center Settings".
6. On the left Navigation Bar, click on "Macro Settings".
7. Click on the Radio Button "Disable all macros except digitally signed macros", if not already selected.
8. Click on [OK].
9. Exit Excel.
10. Logon to PARS II and select a project from the Projects list (Post CD-2 that has performed a CPP Upload) and then select All Projects/SSS Reports.
11. Select the report in the Trusted Publisher Verification Folder (titled: Trusted Publisher – US Department of Energy) and click View to display the report.
12. Once presented, the report will appear with a yellow warning below the ribbon stating "Security Warning Some active content has been disabled. Click for more details"
13. DO NOT click on the "Enable Content" button
14. Click on the "File" tab, upper left, above the ribbon
15. Locate the "Security Warning" section in the Info menu which says "Active content might contain certain viruses and other security hazards. The following content has been disabled – Macros. You should enable content only if you trust the contents of the file"
16. Click on the arrow under "Enable Content".
17. Select "Advanced Options" - The "Security Alert – Macros & ActiveX" window appears
19. Click on the Radio Button "Trust All documents from this publisher".
20. Click on [OK].
21. Close Excel.
22. View the report again and verify that the report is displaying correctly without a security warning bar.

## Microsoft Office Excel 2007

1. Start Microsoft Office Excel 2007.
2. Click on the MS Office icon in the upper left-hand corner of the Excel application window.
3. Click on the [Excel Options] button at the bottom.
4. On the left Navigation Bar, click on "Trust Center".
5. On the right, click on "Trust Center Settings".
6. On the left Navigation Bar, click on "Macro Settings".
7. Click on the Radio Button "Disable all macros except digitally signed macros" , if not already selected.
8. Click on [OK].
9. Exit Excel.
10. Logon to PARS II and select a project from the Projects list (Post CD-2 that has performed a CPP Upload) and then select All Projects/SSS Reports.
11. Select the report in the Trusted Publisher Verification Folder (titled: Trusted Publisher – US Department of Energy) and click View to display the report.
12. Once presented, the report will appear with a yellow warning below the ribbon stating, "Security Warning Some active content has been." Select the Options button.
13. A "Security Alert - Macros" screen will open, requesting a decision on whether to trust content signed by the US Department of Energy.
14. Select "Trust all documents from this publisher"
15. Click [OK].
16. Close Excel.
17. View the report again and verify that the report is displaying correctly without a security warning bar.

## Microsoft Office Excel 2003

1. Start Microsoft Office Excel 2003.
2. Click on the Tools menu item.

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3. Select Macro.
4. Click on the Security tab.
5. Click on Security Level and select Medium.
6. Click OK to close the Security screen.
7. Exit Excel.
8. Logon to PARS II and select a project from the Projects list (Post CD-2 that has performed a CPP Upload) and then select All Projects/SSS Reports.
9. Select the report in the Trusted Publisher Verification Folder (titled: Trusted Publisher – US Department of Energy) and click View to display the report.
10. Once presented, the report will appear with a yellow warning below the ribbon stating “Security Warning Some active content has been.” Select the Options button.
11. A "Security Alert - Macros" screen will open, requesting a decision on whether to trust content signed by the US Department of Energy.
12. Select "Trust all documents from this publisher"
13. Click [OK].
14. Close Excel.
15. View the report again and verify that the report is displaying correctly without a security warning bar.

## 2 HARDWARE, SOFTWARE AND NETWORK REQUIREMENTS

- Minimum 1280 X 1024 Display (Monitor and Graphics card)
- 2Gb memory
- 2 CPU cores at 2.5 GHz or 1 CPU core at 3+ GHz
- MS Windows XP or Windows7 (32- or 64-bit versions) any edition (e.g. Home, Professional, Ultimate)
- MS Internet Explorer 9 (*Native Mode or Compatibility Mode*), *Internet Explorer 10 (Compatibility View)* or *Internet Explorer 11 (Compatibility View)*. Windows7 64-bit users *must* use the 32-bit version of Internet Explorer 8.
- Microsoft Excel 32-bit for 2003, 2007 and 2010 are supported spreadsheet applications

### 2.1 Internet Explorer Configuration

PARSIIE and PARSII are configured to allow Users to access the application using any of the following browser versions/modes:

- Internet Explorer 9 (native mode or compatibility mode)
- Internet Explorer 10 (compatibility view)
- Internet Explorer 11 (compatibility view)

Workstations using Internet Explorer 7 or 8 will not display properly and experience a loss of functionality. At this time, the following browsers/modes remain unsupported: Google Chrome; Firefox; and any other browser/mode not listed above.

## 3 VERIFYING PARS II ACTIVEX CONTROL VERSION

1. Open Windows Explorer
  - a. On the Windows XP Desktop: Click START > PROGRAMS > ACCESSORIES > WINDOWS EXPLORER
  - b. On the Windows 7 Desktop: Click START > ALL PROGRAMS > ACCESSORIES > WINDOWS EXPLORER
2. Go to C:\WINDOWS\DOWNLOADED PROGRAM FILES

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- a. Both Windows XP and 7: In Windows Explorer, double-click on "My Computer", then the "C:" drive, then the "WINDOWS" directory, then the "Downloaded Program Files" directory
3. Check the version of the ActiveX Control
  - a. In Windows XP: Right-click on DkrSSWebControl8.DkrSSWebControl, select "Properties", click on "Versions" Tab, verify that "Version" is "8,2,0,1"
  - b. In Windows 7: Right-click on DkrSSWebControl.ocx, select "Properties", click on "Details" Tab, verify that "File Version" is "8.2.0.1"

## 4 ADDITIONAL HELP

### 4.2 PARS II Helpdesk

- By Telephone
  - DC Metro Area – 301-903-2500
  - Nationally – 1-866-834-6246
  - Once connected, select option 4, then option 5
- By Email
  - [i-Manage.eas@hq.doe.gov](mailto:i-Manage.eas@hq.doe.gov)

### 4.3 PARS II Website

- The PARSIIe Support Site is a good source of help and information about PARS II
- <https://pars2e.doe.gov/support/SitePages/Support%20Home.aspx>

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## Change Control Page

The change control page is used to record information about the changes (i.e., additions, modifications, deletions) that have been made to this document.

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